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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following amended paragraph:

[0036] The data in Table 5 illustrate hardness ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) scale removal from metal surfaces in a tower system treated with the methods of the present invention through coupon weight loss reduction. Standard metal coupons that were scaled with  $\text{CaCO}_3$  film were weighed before and after ten days of exposure and the visible removal of most of the scale thickness. The demonstrated  $\text{CaCO}_3$  weight loss rate will provide gradual removal of hardness scale deposits that have occurred in a system prior to method treatment.